

## **REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing election-of-species in response to the election requirement of the first Office Action, an early examination of all claims directed to the elected invention (*i.e.*, Claims 7-10) and the allowance of all claims currently pending are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

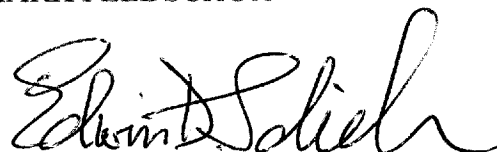
In the first Office Action, the Examiner has required an election-of-species between: (1) the composition as set forth in dependent Claim 10; and (2) the composition as set forth in dependent Claim 12, for prosecution in the above-identified patent application in the event that no generic claim is allowed. Currently, the Examiner has indicated that independent Claim 7 is generic to both identified species-of-invention.

Applicant has elected the species-of-invention of dependent Claim 10, which recites a composition comprising lignocaine, pluronic gel, chlorhexidine acetate, phenylephrine HCl, sodium meta-bisulfite, ethoxyl diglycol reagent, lecithin and isopropyl palmitate/myristate solution. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 7-10 are currently readable on the elected species.

An early examination on the merits on the claims reciting the elected species-of-invention is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450, for any fees which may be due in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified patent application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.